

in cases at law in which engineers acting nominally as advisers of the court, are employed as witnesses and compensated by the respective litigants without the advice or co-operation of the court, being thus subject to partisan influence while in the discharge of non-partisan duty; and

Whereas, This Association is of the opinion that the usefulness of the engineer, both to courts and to litigants, in controversies requiring special engineering knowledge and experience, might be greatly extended and the ends of justice more fully conserved if a wiser order of procedure were instituted;

Resolved, That the officers of this Association be instructed to call, by formal communication, the provisions of our code of ethics bearing upon this subject to the attention of the judiciary of California, both State and Federal, and to the attention of the leading attorneys at law, either personally or through their bar associations, or both, with the request that they co-operate with this organization as opportunity offers in bringing about the changes desired.

The provision of the Code of Ethics referred to is as follows:

2. For the purpose of improving present court procedure in its relation to engineering practice, and for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the engineering profession as an aid to the settlement of questions in controversy, this Association believes it desirable to restrict such engagements as soon as practicable to the following conditions:

- a. As a witness when appointed by and compensated through the agency of the court.
- b. As court commissioner, referee or other examiner, preferably sitting with an attorney, to take evidence involving engineering questions.
- c. As arbitrator appointed by either party to the controversy, or by both parties jointly, through the agency of the court or otherwise, and compensated by both parties conjointly.
- d. As special adviser to either contestant.

NEWS NOTES FROM NEWSPAPERS.

Merced has recently had a small epidemic of scarlet fever.

Dr. H. N. Rowell is a candidate for supervisor in Alameda county.

Dr. Chester Rowell of Fresno, left an estate valued at about \$250,000.

In San Francisco, Dr. A. P. O'Brien is once more on the Health Board.

Monterey Presidio is to have a new annex to its hospital costing about \$6000.

Stanford University Students' Guild is to have a new hospital costing about \$7000.

Dinuba has recently acquired a sanitarium, built and equipped by Mrs. W. D. George.

Stockton authorities recently convicted a Gypsy woman for illegally practicing medicine.

The Oregon, Washington and Idaho medical associations met in joint session July 6th at Portland.

Jeannette S. Allison, D. O., has been elected president of health board of Monrovia. Another straw.

Los Angeles is to have a new Children's Hospital. Plans have been drawn and work will begin at once.

At Colusa, two men were recently fined \$10 each for breaking quarantine; they were smallpox patients.

Fresno has been energetically at the "fly swatting" game. The Chamber of Commerce put up a \$10 prize.

The Santa Rosa Hospital is to be carried on by Mrs. E. E. Briggs, widow of the late Dr. Briggs of that place.

Dr. M. V. Silbermark, chief surgeon of the Austrian Red Cross, has been visiting various places in California.

The St. Helena Sanitarium has been sued for \$23,000 for burning a patient with hot bottles during an operation.

Dr. C. P. V. Watson of Los Angeles, was recently convicted of abortion and sentenced to three years in San Quentin.

Maricopa has passed a new city ordinance with the object of cleaning up the town and keeping it clean. Good luck.

The San Francisco Polyclinic has bought a lot on Jackson street near Polk and is to erect a new building for its clinics.

Smallpox keeps on its steady way. Two more cases have developed at Magalia, Butte county. But vaccination is a crime!

The wife of Dr. H. N. Barney of Richmond, died June 7th, from a fractured spine as a result of an automobile accident.

Redlands is to have a certified milk supply, largely through the activity of the San Bernardino County Medical Society.

Fresno County ranchers have been warned by the county health officer to muzzle or tie up all dogs during July and August.

Sacramento is prosecuting a Chinaman called Yung Wee Chun for advertising himself to be a physician when in fact he is not.

Sewage and garbage disposal are the problems which Dr. W. F. Snow, of the State Board of Health, has gone abroad to study.

Long Beach has organized a physicians' club with the object of promoting friendly relations between physicians. Good luck to it.

The new St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco was dedicated in July. It is the testamentary gift of Mrs. Kate Johnson.

Hookworm has been found to exist in some of the truck farms of South San Francisco and a quarantine is to be asked against them.

Bubonic plague has appeared in Porto Rico and in Havana, Cuba. An appropriation of \$500,000 is asked of Congress to fight this invasion.

Stockton is to adopt medical inspection in its schools, if the supervisors carry out the expressed wishes of the board of education.

Placerville has been having a nice little row over the plans for the new El Dorado County Hospital; no fatalities have yet been reported.

Bakersfield is reported to have waked up and begun the process of house-cleaning. It was certainly needed, as the health authorities urged.

"It is a disgrace to any community to have a death from rabies," justly and wisely says Dr. Ewer in his bulletin to the people of Oakland.

Dr. E. E. Stone, formerly superintendent of the Napa asylum, has been acquitted of the charge of embezzling \$165 of the money of the State.

Dr. Frank Rattan of Martinez, Secretary of the Contra Costa County Society, has been quite seriously ill but we understand is improving.

Pasadena hospitals have come in for investigation under the eight-hour law and it is said that many violations of this law exist in other hospitals.

Los Angeles has a new infliction in the way of organized cranks; the California Anti-Vivisection Society has opened offices in the Queen City of the South.

Contra Costa county has been warned of the danger of rabies by a letter from the county health officer, Dr. S. G. Bransford, published in the local press.

Los Angeles had 1343 more births than deaths during the year ending June 30, 1912, but Dr. Powers thinks that several hundred more births were unreported.

In Stockton the senior class of the High School was recently given instruction on Municipal Hygiene by Dr. McGurk. A good example for other communities.

The American Federation of Sex Hygiene was incorporated on July 1st in New York. Dr. William F. Snow is given as one of the incorporators and directors.

In San Diego, Dr. A. D. Long has been appointed head of the health and development department of the Board of Education in place of Dr. F. J. Smith.

Stockton has completed and opened the new consumptive ward of the San Joaquin County Hospital. The building is quite up to date and cost about \$14,000.

Garage managers are responsible for the safe keeping of automobiles in their charge, according to a case recently decided in Oakland in favor of Dr. Eva L. Harris.

J. C. Bohannon, the cancer quack of Oakland, has been sued for \$5000 for crippling some fingers on the hand of one of his "patients." But the dear people do love quacks!

Health officers of the State will meet in Berkeley in September, according to the announcement sent out by Dr. Snow. Dr. W. A. Sawyer is in charge of the local arrangements.

Oakland has issued, through its Health Officer, Dr. Ewer, a bulletin on rabies for the education of its citizens. Let us hope they may "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest."

The tuberculin test for dairy herds was endorsed by the State Homeopathic Society at its last meeting in Sacramento. This society will hold its next meetings (1913) at Venice.

From San Francisco a dog was taken into Nevada. There it bit two boys and was found to have rabies. But let us not muzzle our dogs; it is quite unkind to their feelings.

Dr. George Converse, recently in charge of the Marine Hospital Service in San Francisco, has been appointed to take charge of the large sanitary work to be done at Iquitos, Peru.

Dr. J. A. McKee, of Sacramento, has announced that he is a candidate for the state senate. Dr. McKee served as senator from his district in the 36th and 37th sessions of the legislature.

Dr. Creighton Wellman, who lived in Oakland for awhile, a few years ago, and is now at Tulane University, has been giving a course of lectures on Hygiene at the University Summer School.

The California State Nurses' Association held its annual meeting in San Francisco toward the latter part of June, and it is said to have been one of the best meetings this association has held.

Dr. E. W. King, who was for eighteen years the superintendent of the Ukiah Insane Asylum, has resigned and located in San Francisco, where he is devoting himself to mental and nervous disorders.

In spite of attempts to secure a "safe and sane" Fourth, five boys were injured in San Francisco on that day. But the number of casualties throughout the State was much lower than in the previous noisy years.

A judgment in the sum of \$2500 was recently given against Dr. A. M. Stafford at Corona. Unfortunately for him, Dr. Stafford was not a member of the State Society and had to defend the case himself.

The right of the State University to exclude an un-vaccinated student has been upheld by the trial court. It is said the case will be appealed and the constitutionality of the law tested in the court of last resort.

The State Hygienic Laboratory is now preparing Pasteur treatment under the direction of Dr.

W. A. Sawyer. The laboratory has been inspected and approved by Dr. D. H. Currie of the Marine Hospital Service.

Oroville recently closed two houses in its tenderloin on account of smallpox. It is singular how a dreaded disease will "discover" such "houses" when the authorities in other circumstances do not know they exist!

"If the worthless doctors could be eliminated, and the competent doctors kept busy and properly paid, it would be a great thing for the profession as well as the public," says the Los Angeles Herald. Quite true—"if."

San Diego is promised a brand new industry; a factory to make instruments of "tempered gold" by a secret process. It seems an out-of-the-way place to put a factory. Let us hope it does not turn out to be a gold-brick factory.

Fresno is building a convention hall and numerous civic organizations have asked the city fathers that it be named Rowell Auditorium. The name of Chester Rowell should certainly be commemorated by Fresno in some fitting manner.

Dr. Arthur H. White has sued Dr. Philip King Brown, both of San Francisco, for \$100,000 for libel (or slander). Dr. Brown answered the suit by charging Dr. White with all sorts of shortcomings when he was warden at the City and County Hospital.

Los Angeles has been having a nice little rum-pus with its many freaks. They had a vote and turned down the proposition to require tuberculin-tested milch cattle. Then the cranks wanted to fire Dr. Powers, one of the best health officers in this country. But the Mayor would not stand for it.

Bakersfield has had a number of cases of typhoid and the health officer, together with the officers of the County Medical Society, have been appointed a committee to thoroughly investigate the matter. This is as it should be; what is a medical society for?

Napa city and county officials were recently addressed on the subject of public health measures by Dr. W. A. Sawyer. It would be well if the State Board of Health could arrange more of these official conferences between city and county officials and officers of the board.

California, says Dr. Snow, could build, man and maintain one battleship each year from the money saved if the same amount of business energy were applied to the tuberculosis problem that is being applied to the Panama-Pacific game. Perhaps it does not appeal to business men because there would not be so many banquets!

Alameda County citizens have just discovered that the county hospital and infirmary is a disgrace; a wagon shed was used to house sixteen patients. Probably these good citizens will try to blame this upon the medical profession, in some way; that is generally the case.

Los Angeles provided an all-day free picture show for the edification and instruction of its school children, in June, and it is said that thousands of children took advantage of the free show. The moving picture as an educational instrument is just beginning to be recognized.

Berkeley objects to the use of "A Primer of Sanitation" in its schools because it will educate the children to believe that germs exist and that serum therapy is the only salvation of the nation; these are also said to be the views of Berkeley's mayor. That's going some for a high-brow community!

San Diego is growing so fast that an up-town receiving hospital for the care of emergency cases is under consideration by the city fathers. The supervisors of San Diego have turned down the excellent suggestion of the County Medical So-

ciety to nominate the medical officials for the county hospital.

Dr. R. G. Broderick of San Francisco, delivered a public talk on tuberculosis in San Jose. There ought to be more of these public lectures on health matters in every community in the State. Let the people know the truth and then if they want to go on having needless diseases the responsibility is theirs.

"Nostrums and Quackery," a book that should be in the waiting room of every physician, was referred to in this Journal some time ago and the price was erroneously given as 50 cents. The price of the book is \$1, and it is cheap at that. Copies can be had by addressing the Association, 535 Dearborn avenue, Chicago, Ills.

Dr. O. D. Hamlin, President of the State Society, was injured in an accident in Chicago June 16th. A horse-cab ("one-cylinder hay burner"), ran away with him and got smashed; in the smash-up Dr. Hamlin's knee was injured, though not as seriously as at first reported. At the time of writing, Dr. Hamlin is once more out and around.

In Santa Ana a rather unusual suit has been brought against a firm of druggists by Dr. E. L. Enochs. He advertised in the local papers and, it is said, used some phrases which were objected to by the reputable physicians of the section. He also stated or intimated in his advertisements that the drug firm was vouching for him. They sent letters to the physicians thereabouts denying the inferred support and now Enochs has sued them for slander.

Outrageous officiousness caused the arrest of Dr. Oscar Mansfeldt, in San Francisco, early in July. Dr. A. H. Wright was accused in a dying statement of having performed an abortion on a Mrs. Brown. The patient called in Dr. Mansfeldt but he was unable to save her life; the police arrested him for failing to report a crime. The police seem to think the medical profession should be used as an aid to the detective bureau and that professional secrecy should not exist. They were obliged to release Dr. Mansfeldt.

REMEMBER!

Protection by the State Medical Society

PROTECTS!

Does An Insurance Policy Really Protect?

THINK IT OVER

BOOK REVIEWS

Nervous and Mental Diseases. By Church and Peterson. Published by W. B. Saunders Co., with 343 illustrations. Philadelphia, 1911.

This book has reached its seventh edition, showing a substantial and merited popularity. The book is well written and illustrated and takes up the various subjects in a clear and instructive manner. Many chapters have been largely rewritten and a goodly amount of recent work finds its way into the text. The important contribution of L. Newmark to the literature on the subject of Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia deserves more than the mere reference to the first article of several which have since appeared on this originally described form of familial diseases. W. F. B.

Manual of Diseases of the Eye, for Students and General Practitioners. By Charles H. May, M. D., Chief of Clinic and Instructor in Ophthalmology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Medical Department, Columbia University, New York, 1890-1903, etc. Seventh edition, revised. With 362 original illustrations, including 22 plates, with 62 colored figures. New York, William Wood & Company, 1911. Price, \$2.00.

In presenting the seventh edition of this handy book, May has added a new chapter on the Ocular Manifestations of General Diseases, and also includes Trachoma Bodies, Lagrange's Operation for Glaucoma, the use of Salvarsan, Kronlein's Operation, and Injections of Tuberculin. As in previous editions, the text-book is well illustrated and the print is good; and as a one-volume treatise for students and general practitioners, can be recommended. W. S. F.

United States Bureau of Education. Bulletin 1912, No. 7. The Educational Status of Nursing, by M. Adelaide Nutting, Director of Nursing and Health, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. Late Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of Training School, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

This Bulletin should be carefully read by all authorities of Nurse Training Schools and especially by all people who in any way are connected with hospitals which have training schools. Miss Nutting has carefully analyzed tables that have been compiled by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Education. These tables show in tabular form the length of the course, the instruction given and other details of all the training schools for nurses in the United States. Miss Nutting's analysis goes into the matter very carefully and shows that although the standard of training schools has materially improved during recent years we still find many schools that are not worthy of the name and that the average school is far below what should be considered the ideal. She most clearly shows that there is need of regulation of training schools and that hospitals should not be permitted to graduate nurses unless they can offer them a real course of study. W. R. D.

Practical Medicine Series—1912. Vol. I, General Medicine. Billings & Salisbury.

In this volume the reviewer notes with regret that a certain definiteness, a certain ring of authority seems to be missing, as contrasted with the former volumes seen. This is especially noted in the remarks on Spengler's I. K. treatment for tuberculosis. On the other hand there are a number of valuable abstracts on arthritis, on the use of the electro-cardiograph, diet in diabetes, and diagnostic methods in tuberculosis. These latter are placed before the reader in a well digested